

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 14, 2012, AT 6:15 P.M.
IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Glauser, Gayle Conger, Jerri Harwell, Sylvia Orton, Pat Menlove, Bev Lund, Dean Smart

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Shimizu, Committee Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, City Councilman, Stephanie Archibald, Arlene Smart

John Glauser opened the meeting at 6:15 P.M. He explained that our chairman, Tom Shimizu, was out of town and had asked to be excused. He asked for a report from City Councilman, Mike Peterson.

Councilman Peterson reported that he had been asked by the City Manager, Liane Stillman, to find out if our committee would be interested in displaying the "All American City Quilt" in our booth. After some discussion about the size of the quilt, Stephanie Archibald explained that she had seen the quilt and it was about four feet by six feet. Sylvia Orton, the liaison from our committee on the Butlerville Days Committee, agreed to provide the necessary space for the quilt. Councilman Peterson advised the committee that our booth would be in a prime location this year. Councilman Peterson will advise Ms. Stillman that our committee was excited about the new location for our display as well as our willingness in displaying the quilt.

Sylvia Orton reported that this is the 100th year anniversary of the Girl Scouts and wondered if Councilman Peterson would check with the Butlerville Days chairman, or the parade chair to see if they could be incorporated into the Butlerville Days celebration, much as the Boy Scouts were during their 100th year anniversary. He agreed to pass this information along to the committee.

The second item Ms. Stillman wanted brought to the attention of our committee was the naming of the Butler Peak. She wondered if we would be interested in being a part of the unveiling of that event or activity. There was one peak below Lake Blanche that did not have a name and it was decided to name it Butler Peak. The City does not have very much information at this time, but just wanted to see if we would like to be a part of it. He will go back to the City and advise them that we would like to be involved, but would like more information. The thought was that perhaps we could incorporate this into our booth this year for Butlerville Days.

John Glauser asked if it would be possible to incorporate taking pictures of Butler Peak into the City's Photo Contest. Stephanie Archibald explained that all photos were to be taken in the City limits.

The third thing Councilman Peterson would like to bring up is the creating of a City brochure which would include a "historical statement." He invited Stephanie Archibald to attend our meeting tonight to go over that item. He wondered if the City had something already being developed and how it could be used. Jerri Harwell and Bev Lund had previously mentioned creating a pamphlet, although each meeting a different purpose. Ms. Lund indicated that she was going ahead with her idea on a pamphlet she did not care what the City thought. The committee members reminded her that she had turned in her idea to the city Manager in a meeting held in November of 2011. Ms Stillman advised the committee that such a pamphlet was something that must go through the City and was not part of the Historic Committee's responsibility. Ms. Lund said that she would follow through with Ms. Stillman. The committee asked for a copy, but Ms. Lund advised us that no one was going to see it until it was

finished. Councilman Peterson thought that if it was coming from the committee that it should be presented to the group and gone over before presenting it to the City. Ms. Lund disagreed and said it was something that should not come from our committee and she would take care of the matter herself. She wanted it for her small area of the City. She wanted to include a map of the City a list of, gas stations, schools, churches, hospitals and a statement from Mayor Cullimore regarding the history of Cottonwood Heights City, not of Butler or why Butlerville was called Butlerville.

Councilman Peterson thought that in our last meeting the committee would like to put together a historical statement to be put in a City brochure that would go to City residents. John Glauser read from the minutes of last month's meeting which indicated that Jerri Harwell asked if it would be possible to print a "Welcome to Cottonwood Heights" brochure which would contain a little history of the area as well as other useful information. After some discussion it was decided that our committee should be involved with the historical statement, but that the brochure itself should be handled by the City.

Jerri Harwell explained that her idea for a brochure was more for new comers and visitors to the City as well as skiers with a list of what services were available in the City.

Stephanie Archibald advised us that there is a lot of information on the City's web site and that it needed to be decided what the purpose for this brochure would be because to list all the information that has been mentioned it would take more than a simple brochure. Mr. Glauser suggested that due to the time issue this project should be handled outside the committee and suggested that Ms. Lund, Ms. Harwell, and Ms. Archibald form a subcommittee and work on it and report directly to the City Council on the project.

Mr. Glauser had emailed Ms. Stillman regarding the appointment of the three new committee members. Don Antczak, Max Evans, and Jerry Christiansen and had received a reply that they have been approved. Councilman Peterson clarified it by saying that all three have been notified and should be in attendance at our next meeting. He will email a contact list for the new members to Sylvia Orton so that she can notify them of our meeting in April. He also said that the fourth person, Melinda Horton, has been notified that she was not chosen to be a committee member at this time. Sylvia Orton suggested that she would be a good one to work with Mr. Glauser on his committee for the "Historical Children Games" at this year's Butlerville Days.

John Glauser advised the committee that it is time to come up with a budget before July first for the next fiscal year. We need to figure out what we will need money wise to fund our upcoming projects. Dean Smart has checked with Holladay City on the cost of their markers and he estimates that we will need \$6,000.00, to place markers throughout the City.

Dean reported that he had checked with Holladay City and they had placed 14 markers in their City. He said one company does the cement and another does the markers. Utah Power and Light will drill the holes for no charge and then the cement can be laid. He asked how many marker are planned, 12 or 14. Mr. Glauser thought that the committee needed to discuss this. Ms. Conger advised the committee that she has done extensive checking on placing monuments and markers.

Mr. Glauser said that Tom Shimizu will be back next month and that each of the two subcommittees need to have their budget ready by then so that the committee can finalize it and submit it to the Council.

The question was raised how we go about placing the markers on private property and Mr. Glauser said that he was still in the process of figuring that out. Right now they only have the cost of the cement and the plaques. Also in question was whether or not the work needed to be bid and also has the City approved the markers. The City has not approved the placing of these markers and if they are approved they will need to be placed for bid. It was suggested that we include the amount in our budget and then find out if the City will approve them.

Gayle Conger reported that in 1996 the State of Utah along with other organizations did an inventory of every single historic marker in the state of Utah and had the information in their data base. Ms. Conger went to the data base and pulled it all out to see what was already inventoried in our area. We have three markers. When they talk marker, they mean the text. When they talk monument it is that to which the marker is attached. If it is attached to a building the building becomes the monument. The three they have in their data base are The Old Mill, The Union Pioneer Cemetery, and Emmaville.

There are three others in our area that have been added to that list since 1996. The first is at the church on top of Butler Hill where the bell from the old Butler Schoolhouse is located. The second is at the Brighton Stake Center on top of Pepper's Hill on Creek Road, honoring those early area pioneers who labored in the hauling and building of the Salt Lake Temple. The third is the Alvin R. and Annie Hansen Green House on Danish Road.

Ms. Conger has also contacted Liane Stillman because our committee had plans of placing historical markers along The Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail. Ms. Still responded, yes, that was the plan. The markers were to be used as a walking tour along the trail. Mr. Peterson advised the committee that the trail should be completed this fall with the building of a tunnel under Wasatch Boulevard, ending at the parking lot at the mouth of the canyon. The trail goes through Holladay, the Corporate Center near Market Street Grill and continues along the creek to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Ms. Stillman thought that our plans for the markers were a very good idea and that the City would pay for them out of the general funds if we got the money budgeted. Mr. Peterson asked how many markers there would be. Ms. Conger listed the ones that had been discussed. Those along the trail are the Tithing House, Ice house and pond, Butler hotel and brewery, Ern and Molly Green's Cabin where weekly dances were held, the Cottonwood/Granite Paper Mill (already has a marker), McGhie Springs, the first Post Office, the cedar tree planted by Leander Neri Butler upon the birth of his daughter, Eva. Others would include the mining industry, the lumber industry, agriculture, as it came into the area and the early settlers. When the Mississippi Saints came into the area in 1848 they settled at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, until Brigham Young directed them to other areas. Jerri Harwell expressed surprise at this information because there were Blacks in with the Mississippi Saints. African Americans could also be included in the markers as they were some of the first settlers listed in the early 1870's land grants.

Other historical markers sites discussed were the South Butler School on Creek Road, the Union Pioneer Cemetery (already has a marker), the Old Butler School (already has a marker), the Granite/Butler Church House, Gold City, the CCC Camp, Danish Town, Emmaville and the Alvin R. and Annie Hansen Green House, early settlers and granite haulers (all three have markers), Poverty Flats and African American Settlers (could be included with the Mississippi Saints). Irrigations companies listed were Big Willow, Brown and Sanford, Butler, McGhie, Union and East Jordan, and possibly Van Valkenburg.

Dean Smart said that he had a newspaper that told about some of the African Americans that were the early settlers in the area, but couldn't remember who he had given it to. Sylvia Orton responded that she was the one he had given the paper and she had it at home with the other papers pertaining to Butlerville.

The original plan was to put these markers along the trail to be used as a historical walk to learn the history of the area. Some of the information is about the area of the trail, however the other information is about the history of the Butlerville/Union area. By placing the markers along the trail it would eliminate the problem of placing markers on personal property. The markers along the trail could be used by Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as school children studying local history. The trail is about a mile and a half. Mr. Peterson said that one of the three primary things people look for in an area are number one, water (swimming pools), second, green space, and third, trails. This trail will be an asset to the City, it will provide an area where residents can get out and walk. Mr. Glauser suggested that we tour the area as a committee, perhaps using it as part of our meeting next month.

Ms. Conger also mentioned that she had called the State History Preservation Office and talked to them. They have a wonderful website with much useful information. She thought the web site was history.utah.gov. In our ordinance it states that we need to be in compliance with the State of Utah. Ms. Conger talked to them about the survey and inventory of the City's historical resources and asked for a guideline that we could use. They provided one. The survey and inventory needs to be done by professionals and it is costly, running about \$15.00, per building. They also informed her that in looking at our City, we are not a certified local government. Ms. Conger asked what needed to be done to become one with respect to historic preservation. They told her the first thing we needed to do was pass a preservation ordinance. In looking at our ordinance it's almost word for word for what is required. Her question was whether the City intends to become qualified. It needs to go through the State, but it is The Department of the Interior gives the certification. It will provide us with a source of funding for preservation projects.

Every year the Federal Government gives the State so much federal money for historic preservation which they then divide among the Cities that are certified. You can be eligible every two years to receive the funding. It's rare that a request is turned down as long as it's for preservation. The funds are matching. It's not big money. The funds are normally between \$1,000.00 and \$3,000.00. Since the money is available, we should be able to use it. This written information was turned over to Councilman Peterson and he will present it to the City Council. He thanked Ms. Conger for all of the work involved in researching this information.

Last month, Dean Smart brought four large blowups of aerial views of the City and wanted to know if the City could copy them. Councilman Peterson advised him that the City did not have the ability to do that, but instead he asked Stephanie Archibald to explain what the City did do. She explained that the City has a G.I.S. specialist that only does mapping. He has maps going back to 1938 and has put them on the website as well as printing some out. The copies Mr. Smart had brought last month were returned to him.

Mr. Smart asked to be excused as he had another commitment.

The next item of business is the written and oral history reports.

Pat Menlove had not been assigned a topic to research as she was out of town at the time assignments were handed out. She was advised that Mr. Shimizu had wanted her to do her research on the CCC Camp at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. She thought that was only her "Historic Question and Answer" for the newspaper. She was told that since that was of interest to her it was also her research assignment project. Because she did not know that this was her research project she had nothing to report this month.

Jerri Harwell reported that she had begun pulling things off the internet regarding the Fort Union area. She knows that she has until December to complete her research so she has not started source checking. She has started with information already researched by Steven K. Madsen. She asked how long we want the report to be and in what form?

Ms. Conger has collected and finished researching the Danish Town area. She also is in possession of other information collected on the families Kevin Cromar had asked the committee to research and needs to compile the photos and information she has and needs to know the format.

The information is to be kept electronically and may be printed into book form in the future. We need to determine the exact format so that everyone is doing the same thing. We may get some help on this when the three new members join our committee as two of them, Max Evans and Jerry Christiansen, have expertise in the electronic and historical preservation fields. Ms Conger said that as a certified local government the State will give us priority in helping with our needs. Ms. Archibald suggested that the information be kept in Word format. She said that it is the most common format used, to communicate with, and to store information.

Sylvia Orton reported that this year our display will consist of the All American Cities Quilt, the historical maps the City is preparing, the Butler Brothers and the McGhie family cutouts, the photos we already have mounted, Butler Peak, maybe a historical photo display of local girl scouts. We may ask Buck and Kyle Buxton to bring their flat bed with the mining equipment again this year.

John Glauser has volunteered to head the committee for the historical children's games which consists of the sandbox/treasure hunt. This item is not our committee's to man or to plan, but Mr. Glauser will head it this year. He just needs a location that he can dump the sand that will not kill the grass.

Mr. Glauser thanked the committee members for their work and reports. He also said that of all the posters displayed around town, he has only received one response. He asked if the City owned the property along the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail. Mr. Peterson responded that it does and that our markers can be placed without going to a lot of trouble.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M. Our next meeting to be held on April 11, 2012, at 6:15 P.M.